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1. NOVEMBER 22 ITALIAN PRESS CARRIED (DELAYED) EDITORIAL
REACTION TO FORMER CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S NOVEMBER 19 PARIS SPEECH
ON EUROPE'S FUTURE.

2. /SECOLO XIX/ OF GENOA REPORTED TREASURY MINISTER COLOMBO
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AS SAYING: QTE THE OPINION ATTRIBUTED TO EX-

CHANCELLOR BRANDT ON THE SEPARATION OF ITALY FROM THE EC DOES NOT CORRESPOND IN ANY WAY TO THE ORIENTATIONS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND EVEN LESS TO THOSE OF THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTION. TO THE CONTRARY, ONE ASKS FROM ITALY A MORE COMPELLING EFFORT TO ALIGN ITS OWN CONJUNCTURAL EVOLUTION TO THAT OF THE OTHERS. UNQTE. /SECOLO XIX THEN SAID MOST SIGNIFICANT QUESTION IS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING ITALIAN ECONOMY DETERIORATE TO POSITION DESCRIBED BY BRANDT.

3. /LA STAMPA/, /IL MESSAGGERO/ AND /IL POPOLO/ CARRIED BY-LINED STORIES FROM BRUSSELS, REPORTING ON EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO BRANDT'S SPEECH, I.E., THE EC IS A STRUCTURE OF SOLIDARITY WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND LEGAL STATUS. /CORRIERE DELLA SERA/ RAN TEXT OF COMMISSION SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. /IL GLOBO/ HAD ARTICLE BY BARBARA SPINELLI HEADLINED QTE FRG CANNOT PRETEND TO HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND NO OBLIGATIONS UNQTE. ARTICLE SAID SOME MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY, IN SEEKING REASONS FOR LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD EC ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, WERE FOCUSING ON INTERNAL ENEMIES WHERE PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD POINTED FINGER AT SINISTER EXTERNAL INFLUENCE (USG). IT NOTED REMARKABLE ECONOMIC PROGRESS MADE BY ITALY (UNTIL RECENTLY) WITHIN EC AS INDICATION THAT ECONOMICALLY WEAKER MEMBERS OF EC MAY VARY OVER TIME. REJECTING QTE SECOND CLASS CITIZENSHIP UNQTE ROLE ASSIGNED TO ITALY BY BRANDT, IT SAID ITALIAN SITUATION NOT SAME AS BRITISH, SINCE ITALY GENUINELY SUPPORTS EC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTEGRATION. UNLESS BONN WANTS TO CHANGE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF EC, FRG MUST BE WILLING ACCEPT OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERSHIP OF NINE. CRITICIZING FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD EC REGIONAL FUND, ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY PRAISING MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 20 MEMORANDUM AS PROPER RESPONSE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCE. VOLPE

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